

REVISED MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET
May 29, 2014

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo called the special meeting to order at **6:31 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi	R. Neth
M. Bronko	A. Olbrys
R. Burns	P. Scully, Sr., absent
C. Ernsky, arr. 6:34 p.m.	R. Vitale
L. Jackson	

PRESS:

L. Marshall
P. Singley

RESIDENTS:

None

FINANCE BOARD:

A. Bottinick	D. Scinto
J. Branco Sampaio, absent	D. Sheridan, Jr.
A. Campbell	S. Stirk, arr. 6:36 p.m.
K. Kiernan, arr. 7:01 p.m.	J. Tavares
A. Pistarelli, absent	

ALTERNATES:

F. DiPerna, absent
W. McAllister, absent
J. Savarese, absent

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

R. Butler, Controller
C. Montini, Asst. Superintendent BOE

OTHERS:

J. Jordan, Board of Education

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto.
4. Chairwoman Scinto stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrative

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$262,149.

Town Hall Building

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$136,712.

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Town Wide Activity

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$188,210.

Department of Finance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$376,348.
Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$17,580 decrease in payroll) in the amount of \$358,768.
L. Jackson opposed.

Probate Court

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,860.

Elections

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,531.

Tax Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$234,630.
Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$10,695 decrease in payroll) in the amount of \$223,935.
L. Jackson opposed.

Property Assessment

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$220,631.
Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$10,695 decrease in payroll) in the amount of \$209,936.
L. Jackson opposed.

Building Inspector

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$206,830.
C. Ernsky, K. Kiernan, L. Jackson and R. Vitale opposed.

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Information Technology

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$219,553.

Mayor Mezzo abstained.

Town Clerk

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$204,286.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,487 decrease in payroll) in the amount of \$178,799.

L. Jackson opposed.

Downtown Development

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$239,000.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$10,000 decrease in legal) in the amount of \$229,000.

Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.

K. Kiernan opposed.

Prospect Street School Building Maintenance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$54,980.

Land Use

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$114,784.

Legal Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$283,000.

Estimated Wage Increases

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$52,000.

C. Ernsky and K. Kiernan opposed.

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Human Resources

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$85,651.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,682,788.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$1,000 decrease in signs, \$2,000 decrease in departmental supplies, \$4,000 decrease in electricity, \$50,000 decrease in overtime and \$144,210 decrease in payroll) in the amount of \$6,481,578.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo D. Sheridan
D. Scinto S. Stirk
T. K. Rossi J. Tavares
A. Bottinick R. Burns
A. Campbell R. Neth
A. Pistarelli R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

K. Kiernan
M. Bronko
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
A. Olbrys

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 12-5-0

Fire Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,192,991.

T. Campbell in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$1,000 decrease HAZMAT, \$25,000 decrease in overtime and \$67,000 decrease in payroll) in the amount of \$4,099,991.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
A. Pistarelli
M. Bronko
L. Jackson
R. Neth

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 6-11-0

Chairwoman Scinto recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Chairwoman Scinto reconvened the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$185,990 decrease clothing allowance, protective clothing, medical exams, training and payroll for two retirees) in the amount of **\$4,007,001**.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo S. Stirk
D. Scinto J. Tavares
T. K. Rossi R. Burns
A. Bottinick L. Jackson
K. Kiernan A. Olbrys
A. Pistarelli R. Vitale
D. Sheridan

OPPOSED:

A. Campbell
M. Bronko
C. Ernsky
R. Neth

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 13-4-0

For the record:

T. K. Rossi: “I’m only voting for this because I don’t want to see it cut any further. I want on the record that I think by not replacing the four firefighters we’re putting this community at great risk, and I’m objecting to that, but for fear of further devastating safety cuts to this budget I will support it.”

Ambulance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$0**.

Office of Emergency Management

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$5,000**.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$19,900**.

Eastside Fire Station

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$18,250**.

Safety Patrol

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$1,000**.

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Fire/Police

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Social Services

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000.

Youth Services

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Youth Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$75,130.

Visiting Nurses Association

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$385,324.

A. Campbell, C. Ernsky and L. Jackson opposed.

Water Pollution Control Authority

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,416,352.

M. Bronko left 8:25 p.m.

Senior Center

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$82,481.

M. Bronko was not present for the vote.

M. Bronko returned 8:27 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,696,669.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$5,700 decrease clothing and \$10,000 tipping fees) in the amount of \$4,680,969.

C. Ernsky, K. Kiernan and L. Jackson opposed.

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Engineering Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$314,332.

DEBT SERVICE:

Debt Service

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,053,847.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$119,366 increase GAPP payoff sanitation truck) in the amount of \$4,173,213.

PENSIONS:

Pensions

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,521,186.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

Insurance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,649,591.

Community Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$968,525.

M. Bronko, A. Campbell, R. Neth, T. K. Rossi and D. Scinto in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$5,000 increase in library) in the amount of \$973,525.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo	J. Tavares
T. K. Rossi	R. Burns
A. Bottinick	C. Ernsky
A. Campbell	L. Jackson
K. Kiernan	R. Neth
A. Pistarelli	A. Olbrys

OPPOSED:

D. Scinto
D. Sheridan
S. Stirk
M. Bronko
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 12-5-0

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General

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,263,115.

Reserve Fund

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$2,425,276.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo	D. Sheridan
T. K. Rossi	J. Tavares
A. Bottinick	M. Bronko
A. Campbell	R. Burns
A. Pistarelli	R. Neth

OPPOSED:

D. Scinto
K. Kiernan
S. Stirk
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
A. Olbrys
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 10-7-0

Contingency

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$400,000.

Board of Education

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$61,304,206.

C. Ernsky, K. Kiernan and D. Sheridan opposed.

Revenues

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$115,241,177.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by T. K. Rossi and seconded by R. Neth that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **10:20 p.m.**

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk

cc: R. Butler/File